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BAN ON IMPORT OF CONSUMER ITEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to lifi up the quantitative restrictions imposed on the import of consumer items;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to save the domestic industry; and

(d) the reaction of the Government on the import of consumer items?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (d) Quantitative Restrictions are maintained in terms of Para 2.6 of the Foreign Trade Policy which include protection of human, animal or plant life or health etc. India has been following a continuous policy of removal of QuantitatwcRestrictions on imports since 1991. Most of the consumer goods are freely importable. In the liberalized import regime the domestic industry will be obliged to face competition from imports subject to the applicable rate of customs duty. However, the imports are being closely monitored and the Governmentj&etermined to ensure through the appropriate use of tariff and non tariff mechanisms that imports do not cause any injury to the domestic producers / indigenous industry.